

STREAMED CONTENT DELIVERY

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the invention, a method for distributing a content object over a network system is disclosed. In one step, a request is detected for the content object associated with one of a plurality of content providers coupled to a network that uses a first transport protocol. A node of the network receives the content object from the one of the plurality of content providers. The content object is buffered at a point distant from the one of the plurality of content providers and the content receiver. The content object is transported between the node and a content receiver with a second transport protocol. The first transport protocol is different from the second transport protocol.

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